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**Travel Reimbursement Information Processing System**  
**(TRIPS)**  
**Agency Setup & Maintenance Procedures Guide**

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## **Agency Setup Procedures**

The following steps must be completed by each Agency before implementing TRIPS. Steps 1 - 4 should be undertaken as soon as possible.

1. Identify locations having travelers
2. Define Approval Chains
3. Define Shared Service Groups
4. Obtain employee information
5. Define mileage reimbursement rules
6. Identify STARS Batch Agency
7. Request access to reports
8. Identify and obtain training for Agency Administrators
9. Authorize and activate Agency Administrators
10. Identify and obtain training for Agency trainers
11. Enter Approver information and assign Approval Privileges in TRIPS
12. Create Approval Chains in TRIPS
13. Create Shared Service Groups
14. Enter employee information in TRIPS
15. Train users
16. Assign TRIPS passwords to Users
17. Users change passwords and enter personal information

Procedural questions should be directed to the TRIPS Statewide Administrator, Division of Accounts, Department of Finance & Administration (see page 43).

### **1. Identify Locations Having Travelers**

TRIPS transmits large amounts of data back and forth across the Internet/Intranet. Therefore, system performance can be slow without sufficient communications “bandwidth”. Each office location having potential TRIPS users must be identified in order to evaluate its communications capabilities. The following information is needed to properly assess communications needs:

- (1). Physical (street) address of each office
- (2). Number of employees based at each office who regularly submit travel claims
- (3). Approximate total number of travel claims submitted from each office during a year
- (4). Number of supervisors at each office having travel claim approval responsibilities

Send this information to a Statewide Administrator (see page 43) as soon as possible.



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## 2. Define Approval Chains and Procedures

Document the Agency approval process in the form of TRIPS Approval Chains. An Approval Chain is a group of Approvers assigned to authorize, in a specified progression, the Expense Reports of one or more employees. An Approver is any employee who will review an Expense Report and OK its payment (includes Agency pre-auditors).

Approval Chains should reflect common approval authority for all employee reimbursable (out-of-pocket) expenses, not travel expenses alone. Each employee must be associated with at least one Approval Chain.

Approval Chains may include 2-5 levels, or steps, of approval. Approval Chains with a single Approver are not permitted. A *typical* Chain might include:

First Level: A supervisor of the employee with authority to authorize employee reimbursable expenditures

Second Level: An Agency Fiscal Office employee who will pre-audit the Expense Report

Third Level: An Agency Fiscal Office employee with authority to release the Expense Report for payment in STARS.

**Note:** After the last Approver in a Chain has approved an Expense Report, that report/claim will automatically batch to STARS

### Procedure:

- (1) Identify Approvers. Designate an Approver Type for each Approver. The default Approver Type is "N" (normal). An Approver Type of "Y" (minimal) is also available. The following table lists the privileges for each Approver Type. A Normal Approver would have the authority to change most elements of an Expense Report. If a Type other than the two listed is required, contact a Statewide Administrator.

Approver Type	Reduce Expense Amount	Alter STARS Financial Codes	Alter Expense Type	Alter Category (Object Code)	Alter any Split of Financial Codes	Alter Services/ Goods Provider	Alter Expense Line Purpose	Alter Location of Expense
<b>N (Normal)</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No**
<b>Y (Minimal)</b>	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

\* It is not permissible to alter a Category as doing so could delete data.

\*\* Locations cannot be modified in Per Diem type expense reports because to do so would permit the reimbursement amount for Meals & Incidentals to be increased.

- (2) Assign a meaningful name to the Approval Chain. The name must begin with the STARS Allotment code, using a period between the Department and Division codes (e.g., 317.05). The balance of the name is at Agency discretion. It should be sufficiently descriptive and alphabetized in such a way as to permit identifying the Chain from among statewide a list of thousands. 23 characters are available, after the Allotment Code.

**Example:** 317.05 ACCOUNTS ADMINISTRATION

**Note:** The name may be changed at any time without affecting the functionality of the Approval Chain.



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- (3) Document Approval Chains, ensuring that an appropriate Chain is available for each potential Submitter. Form FA 0962, *Approval Chain Structure with Assigned Employee Information* (found in the Appendix and available in Excel format from a Statewide Administrator), may be useful in documenting Chains and the Submitters who use those Chains.
- a. Identify an alternate Approver for each primary Approver in the Chain (optional but recommended). The alternate will serve as a Proxy Approver when the primary Approver is unavailable for an extended period. The Alternate Approver must be assigned the same Approver Type as the Primary Approver.
  - b. Approval Chains may be tailored to bypass an approval level based on a threshold (specified dollar amount of an Expense Report - e.g., the fourth level Approver is skipped for all Expense Reports under \$1,000.00). This feature might be used to route high cost Expense Reports to a Director or Department Head. Approver levels that are required to review all Expense Reports will retain the default threshold of \$0.00. Identify any Approvers with thresholds greater than \$0.00.

**Approval Chain Summary:**

- Assign a meaningful name
- Document the progression of the approval process (levels of approval)
- For each level in the Approval Chain, document:
  - Primary Approver name and Social Security Number (SSN is needed for Login ID)
  - Alternate Approver name and Social Security Number (optional - for instances where the primary Approver is unavailable)
  - Approver Type (must be the same for Primary and Alternate Approvers) – default is “Normal” with full privileges.
  - Threshold amount below which the approval level will be skipped (optional – Approvers who must see all Expense Reports will retain the default threshold of \$0.00)

Agencies are free to use any data collection tool of their choosing. Form FA 0965, *Approval Chain Structure* (found in the Appendix and available in Excel format from a Statewide Administrator), and Form FA 0962 are two pre-defined alternatives.

**Administrative Procedures:**

Establish and document internal procedures, including the following:

- (1) Timeframes for approvals and use of alternate Approvers
- (2) Handling of receipts (e.g., use of special envelopes and/or printed Expense Reports as transmittal and control documents)



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### **3. Define Shared Service Groups**

Some employees will not have access to TRIPS and, therefore, require their Expense Reports be submitted by an employee (Proxy Submitter) who does have access. TRIPS calls this process “**Shared Service**”. Affected employees must be assigned to **Shared Service Groups**.

- An employee may be in more than one Group.
- A Proxy Submitter can be granted access privileges to a single Group.
- More than one Proxy Submitter can have access to the same Group. Alternate Proxy Submitters may be assigned access privileges temporarily when the normal Proxy Submitter is unavailable.

The number and makeup of Shared Service Groups will vary by agency. Issues to consider:

- It is important that the members of a Group be in direct contact with their Proxy Submitter. The group members will need to provide paper documentation to the Proxy Submitter and the latter will often require additional information from the Group members.
- The Group should not be so large as to create an excessive amount of work for the Proxy Submitter.
- Groups would normally be made up of employees within the same Allotment Code (division) but employees of different divisions may be grouped together so long as they are all within the same agency.

#### **Procedure:**

- (1) Identify employees requiring Shared Service proxy submission
- (2) Group employees, giving consideration to the above issues.
- (3) Determine e-mail addresses for each employee in the Group. If an employee does not have an address at which s/he regularly receives mail, it may be desirable to make her/his TRIPS e-mail notification address that of the Proxy Submitter.
- (4) Assign a Shared Service Group name: A naming convention is necessary as all Groups within the State are contained in the same system table. Each Group's name must begin with the Allotment Code (STARS Department + Division) associated with the employees in the Group. If the employees in the Group are not in the same Allotment Code, use the Administering Agency code. The format for the name is as follows: the 3-digit Department number, followed by a “period”, followed by the 2-digit Division number, followed by a space, followed by a descriptive term(s) created by the agency. Thirty characters are available for the name (the Allotment Code identifier plus 23 characters).

**Example: 343.60 CLAIBORNE OFFICE**

- (5) Identify primary and alternate Proxy Submitters for each Group.

Agencies may document Shared Service Groups in any reasonable manner. Form FA 0991 *Shared Service Group with Assigned Proxy Submitter* (found in the Appendix and available in Excel format from a Statewide Administrator) can be used.



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#### 4. Obtain Employee Information

Obtain the following information for each State employee who will be using TRIPS. It is unnecessary to obtain information on employees who will not be submitting claims for expense reimbursement. Agencies may collect this information using any tool. A sample User Administration Data Collection form (FA 0966) is included in the Appendix. This form is available in Microsoft Excel format from a Statewide Administrator.

Note that TRIPS will automatically record some information via default settings and a daily interface from the Department of Personnel's Shared Employee Information System (SEIS). Information in TRIPS must be verified or changed based on the data collected during this step.

Employee Information			TRIPS Default
Information	Purpose	Comments	
Employee Name	Identify User	First name, Last name, and Middle initial	Interface from SEIS
Employee SSN	Used for the Employee ID and Login ID	Login ID is the STARS Vendor Number (The letter 'E' followed by the Social Security Number)	Interface from SEIS
Traveler Classification per State Travel Regulations	Define reimbursement levels for differing employee job positions	Most employees are "General". Other possibilities include "Department Head" and "Board Member". If an employee is not entirely subject to the Comprehensive Travel Regulations (Policy 8), contact a Statewide Administrator for guidance.	"General"
E-mail Address	TRIPS sends automatic E-mail notifications to Users	May be a home (e.g., AOL) address. If an employee does not have an E-mail address and a Proxy will be submitting Expense Reports on his/her behalf, the E-mail address should normally be that of the Proxy.	<i>Firstname. Lastname @ state.tn.us</i>
Default STARS Financial Codes (optional)	Which STARS codes (e.g., Cost Center) will be charged if the Submitter or Approver makes no changes.	If most expenses incurred by an employee are charged to the same STARS codes, establishing them as a default will reduce Submitter keystrokes and errors. These codes will automatically appear on the Expense Report. The Submitter may change the codes.	Blank
Approval Chain (Primary Approval)	All Expense Reports must pass through a Chain of Approvers	See the prior section for Approval Chain information. In cases where the appropriate Chain has not been defined and named, identify the first level Approver.	Blank
Default Approval Chain: Yes/No	Designating an Approval Chain as a Default forces the employee to submit all Expense Reports to that Chain.	A Default Approval Chain for each Submitter is recommended because it controls the approval process. However, If an employee regularly changes Approvers, it may be preferable to <u>not</u> assign a default and allow her/him to select a Chain for each Expense Report. <b>Note:</b> Selection is from a <u>statewide</u> list of Approval Chains.	Blank
Expense Report Approval Privileges	Identify TRIPS Approvers	Designate if this employee has the authority to approve Expense Reports, if not already identified in Step 2. This includes fiscal office employees who will pre-audit Expense Reports.	No



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Employee Information		TRIPS Default
Information	Purpose	Comments
Approver Type	Classify Approvers	See Step 2 for options, if not already identified
Assigned State Vehicle?	Audit eligibility for auto mileage reimbursement	Identify if an employee is assigned a State vehicle for travel use. TRIPS will flag any mileage reimbursement requests submitted by such persons.
Official Station (Default Origin)	Establish travel origin point for mileage reimbursement	Required by Travel Regulations. Also simplifies Expense Report preparation by pre-populating the origin field when claiming mileage reimbursement.
Mileage Reimbursement (Point-to-Point) Allotment Code	Determines the applicable Agency policy for auditing mileage reimbursement <b>and</b> helps control how this employee's payment transactions are batched to STARS	TRIPS enforces Agency mileage reimbursement policy (e.g., Vicinity Mileage rules) at the STARS Allotment Code (Department/Division) level. The Allotment Code should reflect the Division controlling the travel of the employee (See Step 3) <b>Note:</b> The Point-to-Point Allotment Code also references the batching Allotment Code (which may be a different code) to be used when payment transactions are submitted to STARS (See Step 4)
Proxy Submitter <b>Shared Service Group</b> or name of Proxy Submitter (if required)	If an employee has no access to the Internet, another User must be designated to enter the employee's Expense Reports.	Proxy submission is managed by defining groups of employees who cannot submit their own Expense Reports, then assigning a Proxy Submitter to each group. The name and Social Security Number of the Proxy is required. <b>Note:</b> Use of Proxy Submitters creates an unnecessary layer in the reimbursement process that is costly and likely to introduce errors. Therefore, it is recommended that employees without permanently assigned PCs be given access to shared PCs with Intranet connections.



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## **5. Define Mileage Reimbursement Rules**

TRIPS enforces mileage reimbursement policy at the Allotment Code (Division) level. For each Allotment Code subject to STARS Object 01 or 03 expenditures, an Agency must submit a completed Point to Point Allotment Maintenance form (FA 0964) to a Statewide Administrator (A sample FA 0964 is included in the Appendix and is available in Microsoft Excel format from a Statewide Administrator).

**Note:** Step 4, following, must also be completed prior to submitting this form.

The following policies must be defined on the form:

- Are employees required to enter start and stop times for each mileage segment\* when claiming mileage reimbursement? If yes, TRIPS will compute the average speed traveled in the segment for comparison against your allowable speed.
  - What maximum average speed is allowed? If employees enter start and stop times, exceeding the defined average speed will result in the expense line being flagged.
- How many Vicinity miles are allowed per mileage segment\*? Exceeding this number in a segment will result in the expense line being flagged.

**\*Note:** The employee will record a mileage segment for each specific origin and destination.

## **6. Identify STARS Batch Department/Division**

TRIPS automatically batches transactions to STARS. Segregation of batches is accomplished by using a Batch Department/Division code. This code would normally be the same as that used for other STARS transactions. Note, however, that all Expense Reports submitted to STARS under a Batch Department/Division will appear on the same STARS Voucher Register. Agencies that wish separate Voucher Registers for each Division must designate separate Batch Department/Divisions.

- On the Point to Point Allotment Maintenance form (FA 0964) prepared in the preceding step, the Agency must identify the STARS Batch Agency (Department/Division) for each Allotment Code.

## **7. Request Access to Reports**

Agencies have access to reports in two environments:

### **1. Static daily report on INFOPAC -**

The AG05B425 *TRIPS Daily Profile Maintenance by Agency* report lists employee adds, deletes, and changes that passed from the SEIS Personnel system to TRIPS the previous night. This report is for the use of Agency Administrators to identify those employees whose Personal Profiles will require action.

- Submit a 'Request for Access to STARS Reports on INFOPAC' to the F&A Division of Accounts for each Agency Administrator or other employee requiring access to this report (note that this report lists Social Security Numbers so must remain confidential). A sample request form is included in the Appendix and a Microsoft Word version is available from a Statewide Administrator.





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#### 2. Dynamic reports via Crystal Reports -

A variety of TRIPS configuration and activity reports may be run on-demand utilizing Crystal Enterprise “ePortfolio” reporting software. This software is server-resident and accessed via the State’s Intranet at <http://webreports.ads.state.tn.us/ePortfolio>. Report data is filtered by STARS Administering Agency (i.e., a user will have access to data for all Allotment Codes (Divisions) in his/her Department/Agency). Many reports include employee Social Security Numbers so users must maintain confidentiality.

- (a) Submit a TRIPS Security Maintenance Form (FA 0963) to a Statewide Administrator for each Agency employee requiring access to reports. Be sure to include the employee’s RACF ID. A sample form FA 0963 is included in the Appendix and a Microsoft Excel version is available from a Statewide Administrator.
- (b) After approval by a Statewide Administrator, the Security Administrator will grant access and provide the employee with a password and login instructions.

### 8. Identify and Obtain Training for Agency Administrators

Agency Administrators are responsible for:

- Creating and maintaining Approval Chains
- Creating and maintaining Shared Service Groups (for proxy submission)
- Entering and maintaining employee information
- Assigning approval privileges
- Assigning Shared Service privileges

During initial setup, the Agency Administrator workload will be in direct proportion to the number of employees within the Agency. After implementation, the Agency Administrator will be required to provide daily support to the system, the amount of time determined by the volume of changes in employee status (adds, deletes, promotions, etc.).

Each Agency must assign the role of Agency Administrator to a minimum of two employees (a primary and a backup). An Administrator may not simultaneously serve as an Approver (If this restriction cannot be complied with, contact a Statewide Administrator for assistance). Agencies may have as many Administrators as is necessary to efficiently manage TRIPS.

Agencies should use care in selecting Administrators, as they will have access to confidential information and will be required to comply with strict internal controls. Administrator privileges may be assigned temporarily in order to facilitate entry of information during initial setup.

Administrator privileges are granted by the TRIPS Security Administrator (see Step 7, below). Each Agency will be notified when its Administrators have been scheduled for training.

### 9. Authorize and Activate Agency Administrators

For each designated Agency Administrator, Agencies must submit a completed Security Maintenance Form (FA 0963) to the TRIPS Statewide Administrator at the F&A Division of Accounts (A sample FA 0963 is included in the Appendix and is available in Microsoft Excel



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format from a Statewide Administrator). A Statewide Administrator will forward the form to the Security Administrator who will grant Administrator privileges.

It is necessary to designate if the Agency Administrator will have access to either

- All employee records within the Agency (STARS Administering Agency) or
- Only those employee records within the Allotment Code (Division) to which the Administrator is assigned.

### **10. Identify and Obtain Training for Agency Trainers**

Each Agency is responsible for training its own Users. The Department of Finance & Administration will conduct “train-the-trainer” sessions for selected Agency Trainers before TRIPS implementation. These Agency Trainers are responsible for training additional trainers as needed.

A CBT (Computer-Based Training) application is available for training Submitters and Approvers. Agency Trainers should familiarize themselves with the CBT and be prepared to interpret how State and Agency policy is implemented via TRIPS

Agency Administrators may serve as trainers. Agencies may wish its Trainers to be the first point of User contact when questions and problems arise.



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**Steps 11 through 13** require that Agency Administrators access the TRIPS AdministratER application. The main AdministratER window is shown below. Agency Administrators will use the **Approval Chains**, **User Profile**, and **Shared Service Groups** windows.

The screenshot shows the TRIPS AdministratER application interface. The main menu includes: **AdministratER**, **PREFERENCES**, **TABLES**, **NOTIFIERS**, **TOOLS**, **POLICY**, and **HELP**. A red arrow points from the **TABLES** menu to the **Approval Chains** window. Another red arrow points from the **Approval Chains** window to the **Shared Service Groups** window. A third red arrow points from the **Shared Service Groups** window to the **User Profile** window.

**Approval Chains**

List of Chains	Level	Approver	Threshold
317.01 Administration	First	LINCOLN, ABRAHAM - 18611	0
317.01 Billing Services	Second	JACKSON, ANDREW - 17671	0
317.01 Internal Audit	Third	JEFFERSON, THOMAS - 566	0
317.01 ISM	Fourth	WASHINGTON, GEORGE - 0	1000
317.01 OBF	Fifth		
317.02 Budget			
317.03 Administration			
317.03 Operations			
317.05 Administration			

Chain Title: 317.05 Administration

**Shared Service Groups**

Group Name	Employee ID	Last Name	First Name
143 TEST GROUP	088253674	WASHINGTON	GEORGE
GROUP2			
GROUP3			
ISM 999			
MULTIPLE GROUP1			
MULTI CLARKEVILLE OFFICE			

**User Profile**

User List:

Employee ID*	Login ID*	Last Name*	First Name*	Status*

Employee Information:

Admin. Agency: [Dropdown]  
Department: [Dropdown]  
Division: [Dropdown]  
Last Name: WASH

Employee ID: 088253674, Last Name: WASHINGTON, First Name: GEORGE

Buttons: Add, Delete, Save, Close, Help

**NOTE:** Always type entries in UPPERCASE. Sorting in TRIPS is case-sensitive so mixing cases can lead to confusing display of information.




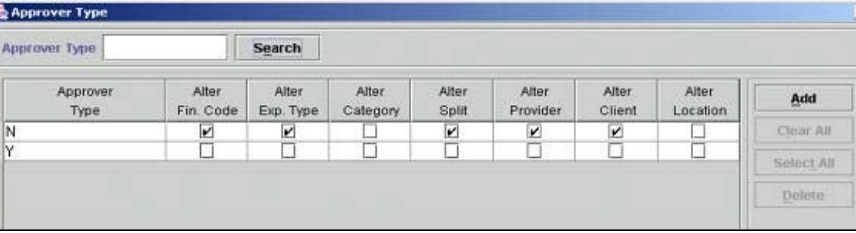
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## 11. Enter Approver Information and Assign Approval Privileges in TRIPS

Step 1 identified the Agency's Approvers. This step assigns those privileges.

### System Procedure:

For each identified Approver (Primary and Alternate), click on the User Details: Privileges – Approval Privileges tabs of the **User Profile** window of TRIPS AdministratER.

Approval Privileges Window		
Field Name	Default Value	Information
Expense Report Approval	<b>No</b> (unchecked)	"Check" the box to grant this privilege
Cash Advance Approval	<b>No</b> (unchecked)	Leave this box unchecked ("No")
Proxy Approver*	Blank	Leave blank at this step. This field is used to select another Approver whom will <u>temporary</u> assume the approval duties of this Approver when the latter is unavailable.
Approver Type	<b>'N'</b> (Normal)	<p>If the "minimal" (Y) Approver Type is desired, click on the selection button  to call the Approver Type window and...</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clear the <b>Search</b> field and click on <b>[Search]</b></li><li>• Click on Approver Type "Y"</li><li>• Click <b>[OK]</b></li></ul> <p><b>DO NOT ALTER THE APPROVER TYPE SETTINGS.</b> These are global (statewide) settings, maintained by a Statewide Administrator. Submit requests for other Approver Types to a Statewide Administrator</p>

\* Field may be changed by the User



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## 12. Create Approval Chains in TRIPS

### System Procedure:

In the **Approval Chains** window of TRIPS AdministratER, create Chains (See Step 1 for explanation of Approval Chains):

List of Chains		Approval Chain		
343.08 CHAIN C		Level	Approver	Threshold
343.08 CHAIN D		First	Clinton, William - 900391727	0
343.08 CHAIN E		Second	Ford, Gerald - 140068573	0
343.60 CHAIN A		Third	Carter, James - 589877463	0
343.60 CHAIN B		Fourth	Clinton, William - 900391727	1000
343.60 CHAIN C		Fifth		
343.60 CHAIN D				
343.60 CHAIN E				
TEST CHAIN				

Chain Title: 343.08 CHAIN E

Buttons: Add, Save, Delete, Close, Help

- Click **[Add]** to create a new Chain
- Define the Chain Title (Allotment Code followed by a meaningful name of 23 characters or less – use only UPPERCASE letters)
- Select the primary Approver for each level in the Chain, using the drop-down lists.
  - **Caution:** The lists include every approver in the State, in alphabetical order of last name. Use care when selecting.
  - **Note:** Alternate Approvers are not recorded in TRIPS – their identities must be maintained off-line.
- Enter the threshold, if any, for an Approval Level
- Click **[Save]**



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### 13. Create Shared Service Groups in TRIPS

Shared Service Groups consist of employees who are unable to access TRIPS directly and so require that another User submit their Expense Reports. Shared Service Groups are created by and for each agency. See page 5 for more information.

#### System Procedure:

- **[Add]** a new group by entering its name, using only UPPERCASE letters (see page 5 for the Group naming convention).

- Using the search tools\*:
    - Locate each employee that is to be a member of the group
    - Add that person to the Group Members list by highlighting his/her record and “clicking” on the [**<<**] button.
- \* You can search for employees by Administering Agency, Department/Division, and employee name.*
- Once you have completed the Group, click [**Save**] and [**Close**]



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## 14. Enter Employee Information in TRIPS

### System Procedure:

In the **User Profile** window of TRIPS NavigatER, verify, enter, or modify information for each employee as appropriate. Agencies may choose to not configure employees that are unlikely to have reimbursable expenses.

### Notes:

- If an employee cannot be found in the User Profile, contact a Statewide Administrator for assistance (see page 43).
- Employees should not be issued Passwords until their Profiles have been properly configured.

### User List Section

Verify information only. If the information is incorrect, contact a Statewide Administrator before making any changes

Field Name	Default Value	Information
Employee ID	<i>Varies</i>	Employee Social Security Number
Login ID	<i>Varies</i>	STARS Vendor Number ('E' + Employee Social Security Number)
Last Name	<i>Varies</i>	Employee Last Name
First Name	<i>Varies</i>	Employee First Name
Status	'Active' or 'Inactive'	Employee's employment status with the State
Change Password button	<i>confidential</i>	Employee Password (see page 23)



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### User Details Section

The User Details Section occupies the lower half of the User Profile window. It consists of seven primary tabs and a varying number of sub-tabs that contain information specific to the User currently selected (highlighted) in the User List section. The following pages describe the settings for each window. Fields highlighted in **bold** print require attention.

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

Middle Initial	T	Company	State of Tennessee
Guideline Level*	General	Administering Agency*	31701
Threshold	<input type="checkbox"/> 000000	Division	01
Position*	3170100437518800	Department*	317
Email Address	Theodore.Testman@state.tn.us	SSN/SIN	555121212
Email ID		Service Access By	

General Defaults Display fields

### User Details Section – Personal Profile: General tab

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

Middle Initial	T	Company	State of Tennessee
Guideline Level*	General	Administering Agency*	31701
Threshold	<input type="checkbox"/> 000000	Division	01
Position*	3170100437518800	Department*	317
Email Address	Theodore.Testman@state.tn.us	SSN/SIN	555121212
Email ID		Service Access By	

General Defaults Display fields





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<b>Personal Profile: General tab</b>		
<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Default Value</b>	<b>Information</b>
Middle Initial*	<i>Varies</i>	Employee Middle Initial*
Guideline Level**	<b>General</b>	<b>Traveler Classification per F&amp;A Policy 8. Most employees are “General”. Other possibilities include “Department Head” and “Board Member”. If an employee is not entirely subject to the Comprehensive Travel Regulations, contact a Statewide Administrator for guidance.</b>
Threshold	Unchecked	This value must always be “No” (unchecked)
Threshold Amt	000000	The amount will always be zero as long as the ‘Threshold’ is “No”
Position*	<i>Varies</i>	State Personnel Position Number
Email Address**	<b>‘First Name’. ‘Last Name’ @ state.tn.us</b>	<b>Employee’s E-mail Address – TRIPS creates an E-mail address using the first name and last name of the employee as recorded in the Department of Personnel. Some employees have addresses with other information (e.g., nicknames, middle initials). Furthermore, many employees have address suffixes other than “@state.tn.us”. Validate/change this field to ensure than employees will receive E-mail notifications.</b> <b>Note: If the employee does not have TRIPS access and her/his Expense Reports are prepared by a Proxy Submitter, it may be appropriate to enter the Proxy’s e-mail address here.</b>
Email ID	Blank	Leave blank – not used
Administering Agency*	<i>Varies</i>	STARS Administering Agency code
Division*	<i>Varies</i>	STARS Division code
Department*	<i>Varies</i>	STARS Department code
SSN/SIN *	<i>Varies</i>	Employee Social Security Number
Service Access By***	<b>Blank</b>	<b>Optional (Login ID of Proxy user who will create and modify Expense Reports for this employee)</b>

\* If the information in these fields is incorrect, contact a Statewide Administrator before making any changes

\*\* Make corrections to fields as appropriate

\*\*\* Service Access functionality permits a Submitter or an Administrator to designate one another User to create and modify Expense Reports for the Submitter. Service Access is primarily intended for senior staff members who normally have an administrative assistant prepare paperwork on their behalf.

The Service Access User can:

- Create a new Expense Report
- Modify an existing Expense Report
- View Activity Summary information
- View and change Personal Profile, Personal Picklist and Personal Split Formula information

The Service Access User cannot:

- Create or view Cash Advance requests (Temporary Travel Advances)
- Submit and Expense Report – The primary User must submit her or his own Expense Report, thus assuring that s/he assumes personal responsibility for its accuracy.



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**User Details Section – Personal Profile: Defaults tab**

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

State Route to	Application Administrator	Auto Save Information every	0	minute(s)
Language	English	Date Range Activity Summary	90	day(s)
Financial Code		Date Range Approver Summary	90	day(s)
Approval Chain	317.01 Administration	Currency	USD	
User Class	Non-Offline User			

General Defaults Display fields

Field Name	Default Value	Information
State Route to	Application Administrator	Do not change
Language	English	Do not change
Financial Code*	Blank	Default set of STARS Codes to which an expense item is to be charged
Approval Chain	Blank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For those employees who always submit Expense Reports to the same Approval Chain, assign that Chain as the Default.</li><li>For those employees who submit to different Chains depending on work assignments, leave the Default Approval Chain field blank</li></ul>
Auto Save Information every*	2 minutes	Expense Report automatic “save” frequency
Date Range Activity Summary*	90 days	How long personal Expense Report activity is displayed for review
Date Range Approver Summary*	90 days	If an Approver, how long approved Expense Reports are displayed for review
Currency	USD	Do not change

\* The User maintains this field

**User Details Section – Personal Profile: Display Fields tab**

Display information only – make no changes

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

Mileage	0
O/S Cash Advances	00

General Defaults Display fields



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Default settings are shown below.

At Agency discretion, the **[Cash Advance Submission]** box may be “unchecked” (privilege withdrawn) if the employee will never receive a Temporary Travel Advance.

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

☒ Cash Advance Submission ☐ Charge Card

☒ Alter Personal Profile ☐ User Defined Chains

☐ Alter Charge Card Info ☒ Folio Wizard

☐ Alter Bank Info ☐ Report Indicator

☐ Alter Company Info ☐ PDA Support

☒ Alter Password File Location:

Submit Privileges Approval Privileges Admin Privileges Proxy Privileges

#### User Details Section – Privileges: Approval Privileges tab

See page 12 for configuration instructions

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

☐ Expense Report Approval ☐ Cash Advance Approval

Proxy Approver

Approver Type N

Submit Privileges Approval Privileges Admin Privileges Proxy Privileges

#### User Details Section – Privileges: Admin Privileges tab

Make no changes – for use of the Security Administrator only

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

☐ Email Admin

☐ Receipt Admin

☐ Audit

☐ AdministratER

Submit Privileges Approval Privileges Admin Privileges Proxy Privileges



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#### User Details Section – Privileges: Proxy Privileges tab

Make no changes unless this employee submits Expense Reports on behalf of other employees (Proxy Submitter)

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

☐ Shared Service ☒ SS Normal Approval

Shared Service Group

Submit Privileges Approval Privileges Admin Privileges Proxy Privileges

If the employee is a Shared Service Proxy Submitter (see page 5):

- “Check” the **Shared Service** box and
- Select the appropriate **Shared Service Group** for whom s/he submits:

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

☒ Shared Service ☒ SS Normal Approval

Shared Service Group

Submit Privileges Approval Privileges Admin Privileges Proxy Privileges

**WARNING!** The **SS Normal Approval** box must always be “checked”

#### User Details Section – Banking Info tab

Not used

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

Add

Delete

Bank Name*	Branch Number*	Account Number*	Account Type	Address Line 1	Address Line 2
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#### User Details Section – Charge Card Info tab

Not Used

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

Card Name*	Card Number*	Expire Date (YYYY-MM-DD)*	Card Vendor Name*	Credit Limit
<div>Add</div> <div>Delete</div>				

#### User Details Section – Addresses: Home Address tab

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

Address 1	882 SOUTH CURTISWOOD
Address 2	
City	NASHVILLE
Prov./State	TN
County	DAVIDSON
P. Code/Zip	372040000
Phone	

Home Address Office Address

Addresses are informational only and come from the SEIS Personnel/Payroll System. Users can view and validate these fields. If errors are discovered, the Department of Personnel should be notified. Any changes made by the User may be overwritten by information contained in the Department of Personnel's records.

#### User Details Section – Addresses: Office Address tab

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

Address 1	
Address 2	
City	
Prov./State	
County	DAVIDSON
P. Code/Zip	
Phone	
Fax	

Home Address Office Address

Addresses are informational only. Users can view and enter these fields. The SEIS Personnel/ Payroll System pre-fills the "County" field. Use of the remaining fields is at the discretion of each Agency.





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#### User Details Section – Per Diem tab

The default Expense Report Type is “Per Diem”. This is the only Expense Report Type permitted by the State.

User Details:

Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

Expense Report Type

☐ Regular ☒ Per Diem ☐ Both

#### User Details Section – Point to Point tab

User Details:

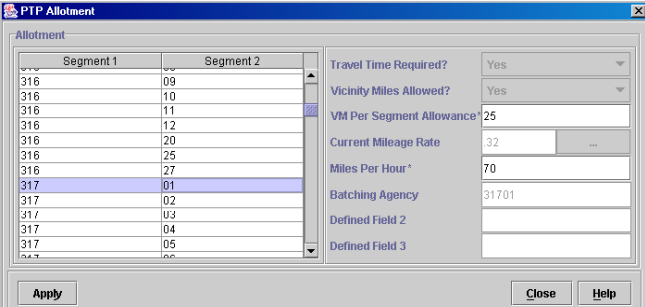
Personal Profile Privileges Banking Info Charge Card Info Addresses Per Diem Point to Point

☐ Org Vehicle

Default Origin TENNESSEE, -, Nashville ...

Allotment Section 317.01 ...

Selection Buttons

Field Name	Default Value	Information
Org Vehicle	No (unchecked)	“Check” the box if the employee is assigned a State car for travel use
Default Origin	Blank	Employee’s Official Station. Select the State/County/City using the selection ... button
Allotment Section	The Allotment Code to which the employee is assigned in SEIS (from the Position Number)	<p>The Allotment Code that determines the employee’s point-to-point mileage reimbursement policy and the STARS batching Department/Division.</p> <p>Click on the ... button to select a different Allotment Code from the PTP Allotment window (which displays the rules for each Allotment Code)</p> 



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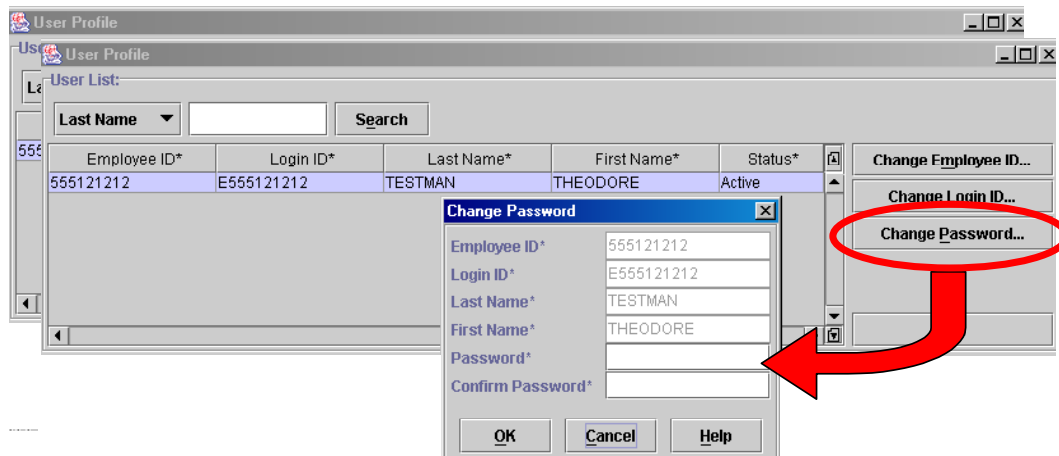
### 15. Train Users

Users must receive training from Computer Based Training (CBT) and/or Agency trainers before using TRIPS. While training may be provided at any point before Step 16, it should be scheduled to minimize the time between training and activation.

### 16. Assign TRIPS Passwords to Users

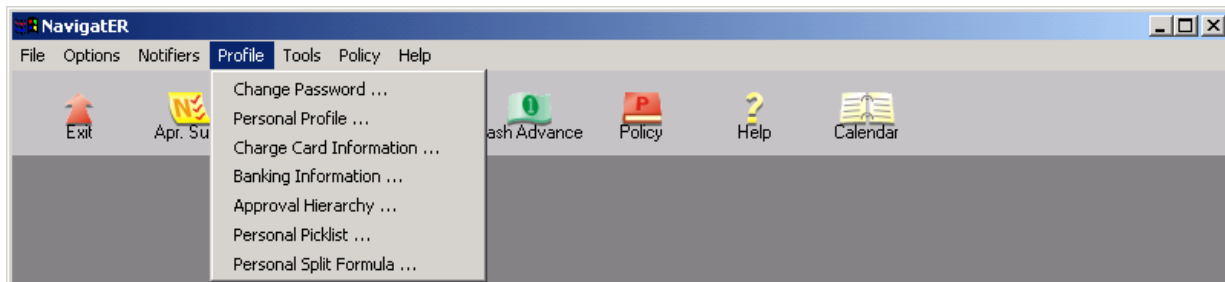
When all other steps are completed and the Agency is ready to begin using TRIPS, the Agency Administrator will assign new passwords (8-30 alphanumeric characters) to Users. The Agency Administrator will deliver the password to each User in a secure manner along with instructions to immediately open TRIPS NavigatER and change the password to one of the User's choosing.

**Note:** In order for any change to take place in the User Profile, including Passwords, it is necessary to click the **[Save]** button on the User Profile window.



### 17. Users Change Passwords and Enter Personal Information

After receipt of her/his password from an Agency Administrator, the User should immediately access TRIPS NavigatER, open the Profile list,



and take the following steps (refer Users to the Submitter/Approver Reference Guide for detailed instructions).



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- Change the password to one of his/her own choosing:

NavigatER - Change Password

Old password  OK

New password  Cancel

Confirm new password  Help

Warning: Applet Window

Passwords must be 8-30 alphanumeric characters in length. Passwords are not case-sensitive and may be reused after having been changed.

- Verify information contained in the Personal Profile (4 tabs):

### User Information Tab

NavigatER - Personal Profile

User Information Address & Phone Defaults PTP

Employee ID  555121212 Login ID  E555121212

Guideline Level  General

Threshold Amount  Not Applicable

Position  3170100437518800

Company  State of Tennessee

Department  317

A. Agency  31701

Division  01

Last Name  TESTMAN

First Name  THEODORE

Middle Initial  T

SSN/SIN  555121212

Incorrect information should be reported to the Agency Administrator. The only field that the user may be altered by the Agency Administrator is the Guideline Level (traveler classification). The remaining fields are determined by the SEIS Personnel/Payroll database. The Agency Administrator should contact a Personnel representative to investigate errors in these fields.

### Address & Phone Tab

NavigatER - Personal Profile

User Information Address & Phone Defaults PTP

Show Address ☐ Office ☒ Home

Address  882 SOUTH CURTISWOOD Phone  ( ) -

City  NASHVILLE Postal / ZIP  372040000

Province / State  TN Country  DAVIDSON

Errors in Home Address information should be reported to a Personnel representative. **Note:** Any changes made to the Home Address fields are subject to being overwritten by information interfaced from the SEIS Personnel/Payroll database. Office address information may be entered at the discretion of each Agency





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### Defaults Tab

**NavigatER - Personal Profile**

User Information | Address & Phone | **Defaults** | PTP

Preferred Language: English  
Default Currency: USD  
Approval Chain: 317.01 Administration  
Financial Code: 317.01.10100.11  
Use Folio Wizard: ☒  
Show Welcome at Start: ☒  
Date Range Act. Sum.: 90 Days  
Apr. Sum.: 90 Days  
Email Address: Theodore.Testman@state.tn.u  
Email ID:  
PDA File Location:  
Send State File To: Application Administrator  
Service Access By:  
Mileage Total: 0  
Autosave Interval: 0 in Minutes  
Proxy Approver:  
Save Close Help

Incorrect defaulted information should be reported to the Agency Administrator. The following fields may be altered by the User:

Element	Purpose
Financial Code	A set of default STARS codes that will be used for expenses unless other codes are selected in the Expense Report. Clicking on the [FC] button will call the Financial Code Builder window to choose codes for this field.
Hotel Folio Wizard	Not used
Show Welcome at Start	Enables or disables the welcome/menu screen when NavigatER loads
Date Range Activity Summary	The default number of days in the past to include files in the Activity Summary window
Date Range Approver Summary	(Approvers only) The default number of days in the past to include files in the Approver Summary window
Service Access By	The Login ID of a User that may enter Expense Reports on the User's behalf
Autosave Interval	The frequency with which NavigatER automatically saves open Expense Reports
Proxy Approver	(Approvers only) The name of an Approver who will temporarily perform all approval functions on behalf of this User. Selecting an Approver here immediately directs all pending Reports and E-mail traffic to that person until the name is removed.



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#### PTP Tab

The screenshot shows the 'NavigatER - Personal Profile' window with the 'PTP' tab selected. The 'ORG Vehicle' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Default Origin' text box contains 'Nashville, TENNESSEE'. The 'Allotment Segment' text box contains '317.01'. At the bottom are 'Save', 'Close', and 'Help' buttons.

Incorrect information should be reported to the Agency Administrator. These fields cannot be altered by the User. The following defines the fields:

Element	Value
ORG Vehicle	If “checked”, indicates that the employee is assigned a State car to be used for travel purposes. Attempting to claim mileage reimbursement will result in a flag.
Default Origin	The employee’s Official Station. Becomes the default origin when claiming point-to-point mileage reimbursement.
Allotment Section	The Allotment Code that determines the employee’s point-to-point mileage reimbursement policy (use of Vicinity miles and the recording of start/stop times)

- **Create Personal Pick Lists (optional):**

Personal Pick Lists permit the User to tailor larger lists to his/her needs, excluding choices not normally used. The complete lists will always remain available to the User.

The two Pick Lists that may be created by the User are

- Providers (companies that provided the services or goods)
- Line Purposes (what was the cause/reason for the expense line item)

The screenshot shows the 'NavigatER - Create Personal Pick List' window. The 'Pick List Criteria Selection' dropdown is set to 'Line Purpose'. The 'Corporate List' contains the following items: Work Assignment, Audit, Conference, Promotion of State, Training Given, Training Received, Transport, and Other. The 'Personal List' is currently empty. There are 'Add >>' and '<< Remove' buttons between the lists. At the bottom are navigation buttons (|<<, <<, >>, >>|) and 'Save', 'Close', and 'Help' buttons.



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**Note:** A Personal Pick List of (STARS) Financial Codes also exists. When a Financial Code is used for the first time during the preparation of an Expense Report, the Code is automatically added to the Pick List.

**Pick List**

Personal Financial Code:

- 317.05.1000.12
- 317.05.1001.12
- 317.05.4091.12

Fin. Code   Apply   Cancel   Delete   Help

- **Create Personal Split Formulas (optional)**

If a User regularly splits single expense items (e.g. Mileage Reimbursement for traveling to an audit) among two or more Financial Codes (e.g., Cost Centers), the User may choose to pre-define a formula to simplify preparation of future Expense Reports.

**NavigatER - Personal Split Formula**

Formula Name: Compliance Auditing

Add   Update   Delete

Percentage	Financial Code
50.00	317.05.4091.12
50.00	317.05.1001.12

Formula Detail

Percentage: 50.00

Financial Code: 317.05.4091.12

Add   Update   Delete   Delete All

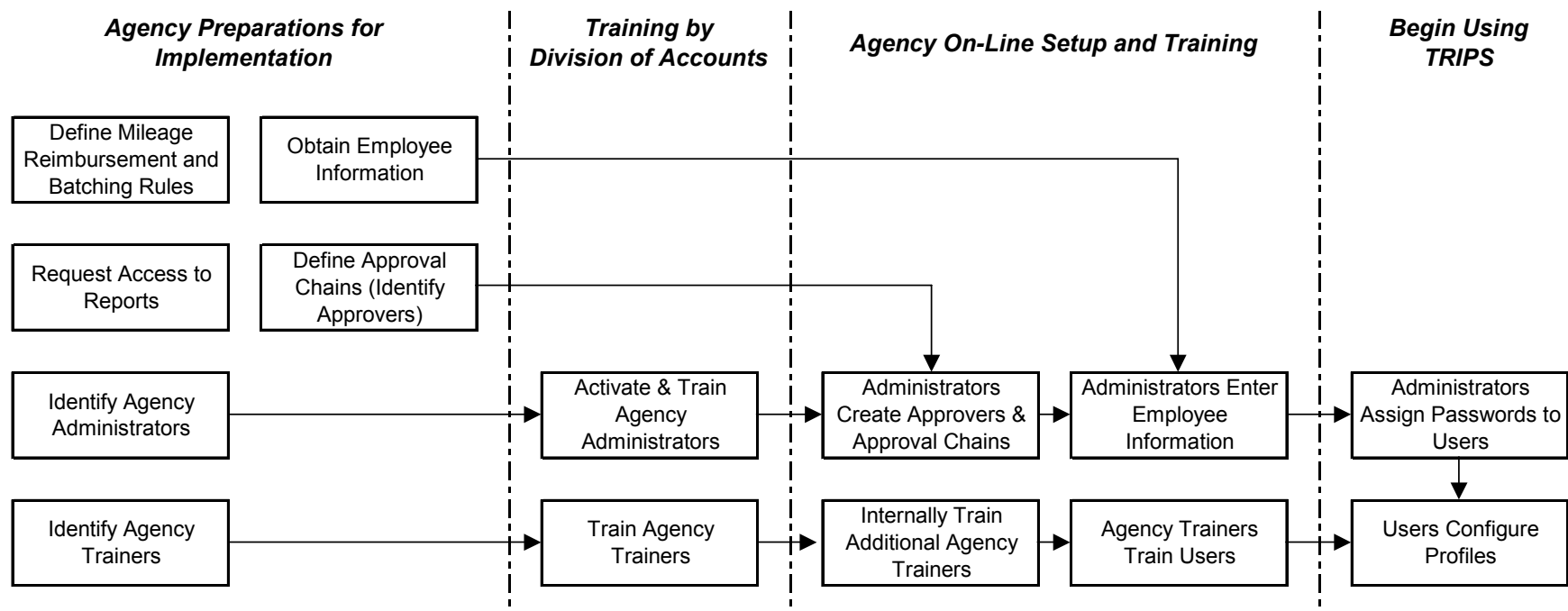
Save   Apply   Close   Help



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### GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



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### Agency Administrator Actions in Response to Specific Events

Event	Action
A. A new employee is received in TRIPS (via the SEIS Personnel/Payroll interface), as notified via report AG05B425 ('ADD')	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check the <b>User Profile</b> window for accurate information and enter information/assign privileges as appropriate.</li> <li>2. If an Approver, add to appropriate Approval Chain(s).</li> <li>3. If a Proxy Submitter, assign Shared Service privileges for the appropriate Shared Service Group.</li> <li>4. If s/he has no TRIPS access, add to a Shared Service Group. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If s/he has no regular e-mail access, assign the e-mail address of her/his Proxy Submitter.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Issue password and instructions for entry of information (if any) in user's Personal Profile, along with training materials/CBT instructions.</li> </ol> <p>See page 34 for more information</p>
B. An employee needs TRIPS access but does not appear to be in the system	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact a Statewide Administrator to ensure that the employee is not in the system under another Agency.</li> <li>2. Validate that the person is listed as a State employee by the Department of Personnel.</li> <li>3. Ensure that the employee has a STARS Vendor Number with an "E" prefix.</li> <li>4. See page 39 for instructions on adding the employee.</li> </ol>
C. An employee is transferred-in to your Agency from another Agency, as notified via report AG05B425 ('UPDATE'). <b>Note:</b> The AG05B425 report lists this employee as an 'UPDATE' rather than an 'ADD' because s/he is not new to SEIS.	<p>Follow the steps in 'A', above, except that a step 5 may not be necessary if the employee has been an active TRIPS User.</p>

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D. An existing employee change record is received from SEIS, as notified via report AG05B425 ('UPDATE')	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check User Profile for accurate information and enter information/assign privileges as appropriate.</li> <li>2. If the employee change (e.g., transfer, promotion, etc.) affects Approver status, make appropriate changes in Approver Privileges (User Profile window) and Approval Chain(s).</li> <li>3. See 'E', below.</li> </ol>
E. An existing employee changes positions within the Agency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine if the employee's Approval Chain should be changed.</li> <li>2. If default financial codes are used, instruct the employee to enter the revised codes in her/his Personal Profile.</li> <li>3. If the employee is an Approver, see 'F' or 'G', below.</li> <li>4. If the employee is a Proxy Submitter, see 'H' or 'I', below.</li> </ol>
F. An employee is given Expense Report approval responsibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grant Approver privileges in the User Profile.</li> <li>2. Add the Approver to Approval Chain(s).</li> </ol>
G. An employee is relieved of Expense Report approval responsibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that s/he has acted on all Expense Reports awaiting approval (assign a Proxy Approver if necessary).</li> <li>2. Remove from Approval Chain(s)</li> <li>3. Remove Approver privileges in the User Profile (see page 37 for instructions)</li> </ol>
H. An employee is designated as a Proxy Submitter for other employees (Shared Service)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create Shared Service Group, if not already in existence</li> <li>2. Grant Shared Service privileges and assign Shared Service Group in the User Profile.</li> <li>3. Assign her/his e-mail address to the User Profile of any employee for whom s/he is a Proxy Submitter, if that employee does not have regular e-mail access.</li> </ol>

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Event	Action
I. An employee is no longer a Proxy Submitter for other employees (Shared Service)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that the Shared Service Group formerly served by this employee has at least one Proxy Submitter (see 'H', above).</li> <li>2. Remove Shared Service privileges by "unchecking" the box on the User Profile.</li> <li>3. Remove his/her e-mail address from the User Profiles of any employees for whom s/he was a Proxy Submitter.</li> </ol>
J. An existing employee is terminated, as notified via report AG05B425 ('TERMINATION')	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Verify that the employee's status has changed to "Inactive" in User Profile. If not, click on the "Active" <b>Status</b> field and select "Inactive".  <b>Note:</b> You cannot inactivate a User if s/he is part of an Approval Chain.</li> <li>2. If an Approver: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ensure that s/he has acted on all Expense Reports awaiting approval (assign a Proxy Approver if necessary).</li> <li>b. Assign a replacement to Approval Chain(s)</li> <li>c. Remove approval privileges.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. If a Proxy Submitter, assure that a replacement is assigned to his/her Shared Service Group.</li> <li>4. If a member of a Shared Service Group, remove from it.</li> <li>5. Verify that there are no Expense Reports pending for this employee. If so, temporarily set his/her <b>Status</b> to "Active" until the Expense Report is paid.</li> </ol> <p>See page 37 for more information</p>

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Event	Action
K. An Agency employee is transferred-out to another Agency (report AG05B425 for the Agency losing the employee will NOT list the employee)	<p><b>Note:</b> If the employee has been transferred in SEIS, you will be unable to view his/her information in the User Profile due to security filters. The following steps should be completed before the transfer takes place. Contact a Statewide Administrator for assistance if you cannot complete the tasks.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that all outstanding Expense Reports for the employee have been final-approved. If the STARS Administering Agency code of an employee changes while Expense Reports are pending, the original financial codes will not pass the TRIPS edit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If the employee has pending Expense Reports and his/her Administering Agency has changed in TRIPS, contact a Statewide Administrator for assistance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. If an Approver: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ensure that s/he has acted on all Expense Reports awaiting approval</li> <li>b. Assign a replacement to Approval Chain(s)</li> <li>c. Remove approval privileges</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. If a Proxy Submitter, assure that a replacement is assigned to his/her Shared Service Group.</li> <li>4. If a member of a Shared Service Group, remove from it.</li> </ol>
L. An Approver is on an extended absence	According to Agency policy, assign a Proxy Approver via the User Profile window if the absent Approver has not already done so.
M. A code or other field value is not available in NavigatER	Contact a Statewide Administrator to request that it be added
N. A location (city) or point-to-point mileage is not available in NavigatER	Contact a Statewide Administrator to request that it be added
O. Point-to-Point mileage is incorrect	Contact a Statewide Administrator with specifics of the origin and destination, the route taken, and the source of the mileage that you feel is accurate.



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<b>Event</b>	<b>Action</b>
P. A User cannot access the NavigatER sign-in screen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ensure that the User is using the correct Internet address</li><li>2. Refer the User to technical support for a check of the User's PC, web browser (minimum Internet Explorer version 5.5), and/or Internet connection</li></ol>
Q. A User cannot sign-in to NavigatER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ensure that the User is using the correct Login ID</li><li>2. Next, reset (change) the User's password in AdministratER</li><li>3. Finally, contact a Statewide Administrator</li></ol>
R. An employee's E-mail address changes	Enter the correct address in the User Profile

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### Adding/Changing Employees

Personnel status changes (additions, changes, terminations) that affect the SEIS Personnel/Payroll database will result in the automatic interface of records to the TRIPS AdministratER User Profile table. A daily report of this interface activity, AG05B425 (see following), will be accessible via INFOPAC for 30 days.

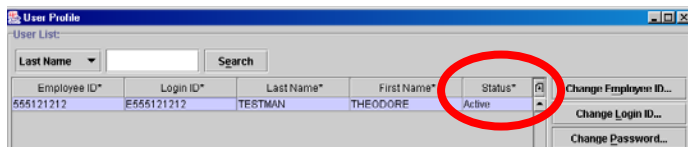
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05/28/02 (07:52) CYCLE 00240		DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION			
ADMINISTERING AGENCY 329.01		TRIPS DAILY PROFILE MAINTENANCE BY AGENCY			
EMPLOYEE ID	NAME	POSITION	ALLOTMENT CODE	CHANGE TYPE	
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226701506	ROY WILLIAMS	329460462200010044	32946	UPDATE	
262799985	MICHAEL L DAY	329110112200010137	32911	TERMINATION	
283381990	KAREN D HARRIS	329110113100010001	32911	TERMINATION	
408192895	TRAMPUS R JONES	329110112200010107	32911	TERMINATION	
408777267	ELVIS L PRESLEY	329110111500020104	32911	ADD	
409737023	MELISSA A BRIDGES	329140142200020038	32914	UPDATE	
410027581	CHARLES CHIPS	329110111500030102	32911	ADD	
411236732	GARY GRAINGER	329010014000000003	32901	UPDATE	
412867044	DONNA J SMITH	329140142800040010	32914	TERMINATION	
412906661	JAMES M DAVIS	329410411000100001	32941	UPDATE	
461713537	VINCENT MILLER	329460467200300007	32946	UPDATE	
AGENCY 329.01 TOTAL ADDS 3		TOTAL UPDATES 5	TOTAL TERMINATES 4	TOTAL RECORDS 12	

Agency Administrators should review this report daily and open the TRIPS AdministratER User Profile window for listed employees. See page 14 for a detailed explanation of the User Profile. The following is a summary of normal actions required.

- **New Employee is Added or Updated**  
(New Hire, Transfer-In, or Change in SEIS status)

#### 1. User Profile - User List section:

- Verify employee's Status is "Active"



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**2. User Profile - Personal Profile - General window:**

- If the employee is not subject to the “General” reimbursement schedule in the *Comprehensive Travel Regulations* (F&A Policy 8), select the appropriate **Guideline Level**
  - Verify/change the employee’s **E-mail Address**
  - If another employee will be preparing Expense Reports for this person (i.e., a secretary entering for the Department Head), enter the Login ID of the other employee in the **Service Access By** field.
- Note:** the *Service Access By* employee cannot submit the Expense Report for this person.

The screenshot shows the 'User Details' window with the 'Personal Profile' tab selected. The 'General' sub-tab is active. Fields include: Middle Initial, Guideline Level (dropdown), Threshold, Email Address, Email ID, Company, Administering Agency (dropdown), Division, Department (dropdown), SSN/SIN, and Service Access By (dropdown). Red arrows point to the 'Guideline Level', 'Email Address', and 'Service Access By' fields.

**3. User Profile - Personal Profile - Defaults window:**

- Select the employee’s default **Approval Chain**, if appropriate

The screenshot shows the 'User Details' window with the 'Personal Profile' tab selected. The 'Defaults' sub-tab is active. Fields include: State Route to, Application Administrator (dropdown), Auto Save Information every (2 minute(s)), Language (English), Date Range Activity Summary (90 day(s)), Financial Code, Date Range Approver Summary (90 day(s)), Approval Chain (dropdown), Currency (USD), User Class (Non-Offline User), and a 'General' button. A red arrow points to the 'Approval Chain' dropdown.

**4. User Profile - Privileges - Approval Privileges window:**

- If the employee is an Approver, “check” the **Expense Report Approval** box.

The screenshot shows the 'User Details' window with the 'Privileges' tab selected. The 'Approval Privileges' sub-tab is active. It contains checkboxes for 'Expense Report Approval' and 'Cash Advance Approval', a 'Proxy Approver' dropdown, and an 'Alter purpose' dropdown. A red arrow points to the 'Expense Report Approval' checkbox.

- **Note:** After completion of Step 4, close the User Profile window and open the **Approval Chains** window. Add the employee to the appropriate Approval Chains(s). See page 13 for instructions.

The screenshot shows the 'APPROVAL CHAINS' window. It has a 'List of Chains' on the left and an 'Approval Chain' table on the right. The 'Chain Title' is '317.05 Administration'.

Level	Approver	Threshold
First	LINCOLN, ABRAHAM - 18611	0
Second	JACKSON, ANDREW - 17671	0
Third	JEFFERSON, THOMAS - 56+	0
Fourth	WASHINGTON, GEORGE - 0	1000
Fifth		

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#### 5. User Profile - Privileges - Proxy Privileges window:

- If the employee is a Proxy Submitter, “check” the **Shared Service** box and
- Select the appropriate **Shared Service Group** for whom s/he submits.

**WARNING!** The **SS Normal Approval** box must always remain “checked”

#### 6. Shared Service Groups window:

- Only if the employee has no access to TRIPS, assign to a Shared Service Group (see page 14).



#### 7. User Profile - Point to Point window:

- If the employee has the use of a State vehicle for travel, “check” the **Org Vehicle** box
- Enter the employee’s Official Station - select a location in the **Default Origin** field by clicking on the [...] button to call the **PTP Location** window.

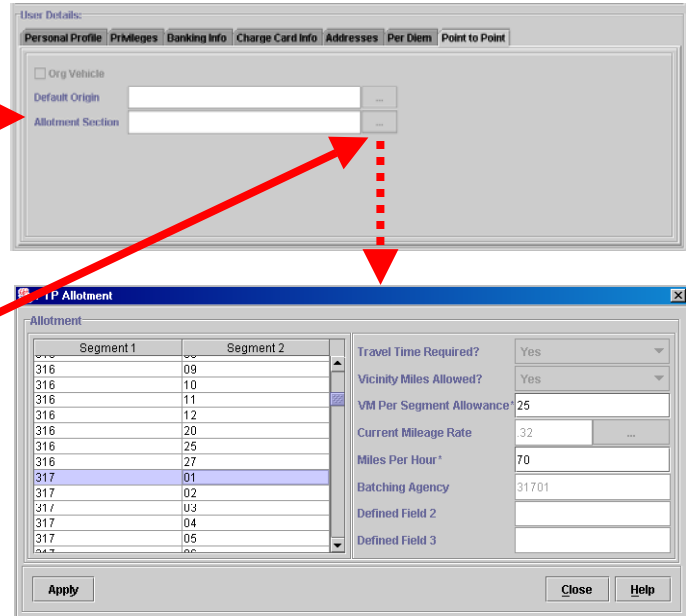
1. Click on the State,
2. Click on the County,
3. Click on the City,
4. Click on **[Apply]**

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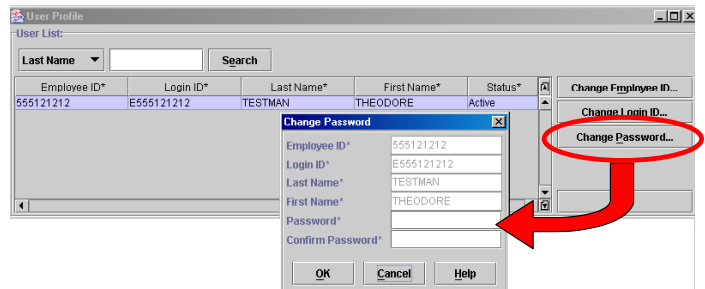
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- The employee's Allotment Code (Department.Division) will display in the **Allotment Section** field.  If the employee will be subject to the travel rules and STARS batching of a different Division, select the appropriate Allotment Code from the **PTP Allotment** window by first clicking the selection  button.

- Highlight the appropriate Department/Division
- Click **[Apply]**



8. If the employee is new to TRIPS, change the password in the **User List** section of the **User Profile** (see page 23) and provide the password to the employee in a secure manner.



Instruct the employee to change his/her password and to complete her/his Personal Profile (see the Submitter/Approver Reference Guide and page 23).

9. If the employee is an existing TRIPS user, instruct her/him to validate the information in her/his Personal Profile and change her/his default Financial Code, if appropriate (see the Submitter/Approver Reference Guide and page 23).

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• **Employee is Terminated or Transferred-Out**

1. Verify that all of employee's Expense Reports have been final-approved.

*Terminated employees:*

- If there is an Expense Report pending approval, change the employee's **Status** to "Active" in the **User List** section of the **User Profile**.
- Once all Expense Reports are final-approved, select/verify "Inactive" **Status**

2. If an Approver, open the **Privileges - Approval Privileges** window of the **User Profile** and "uncheck" the **Expense Report Approval** privilege box.

- If there are any Expense Reports awaiting this person's approval, an error message will advise of the fact. If the employee is no longer present to complete the approvals...
  - Select an authorized **Proxy Approver** and click **[Save]**.
  - "Uncheck" the approval privilege boxes.
- If the Approver is a member of any Approval Chains, an error message will advise of the fact.
  - Open the **Approval Chains** window and replace appropriate Approver in each Chain.
  - Click **[Save]** and **[Close]**.

Level	Approver	Threshold
First	LINCOLN, ABRAHAM - 18611	0
Second	JACKSON, ANDREW - 17671	0
Third	JEFFERSON, THOMAS - 565	0
Fourth	WASHINGTON, GEORGE - 0	1000
Fifth		

- Reopen the **User Profile – Privileges - Approval Privileges** window and "uncheck" the approval privilege boxes.

3. If a Proxy Submitter, open the **Privileges – Proxy Privileges** window of the **User Profile** and "uncheck" the **Shared Service** privilege box.

**WARNING!** The **SS Normal Approval** box must always remain "checked".

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- **Special Circumstances: A new employee is not in TRIPS or an inactive employee has been rehired.**

These circumstances require special care, as desired default settings may not be present.

1. For a new employee not in TRIPS, open the **User Profile** and click on **[Add]**.

The **Add New User** window will open.

The screenshot shows the 'User Profile' window. At the top, there's a 'User List' section with a search bar. Below it, a table lists user details. On the right, there are buttons for 'Change Employee ID...', 'Change Login ID...', and 'Change Password...'. At the bottom right, there is an 'Add' button. A red arrow points from the text 'The Add New User window will open.' to the 'Add New User' dialog box. Another red arrow points from the 'Add' button in the User Profile window to the same dialog box.

- Enter the following values (remember to always use UPPERCASE letters):

Field Name	Enter the Value
Employee ID	Employee Social Security Number
Login ID	STARS Vendor Number ('E' + Employee Social Security Number)
Last Name	Employee Last Name
First Name	Employee First Name
Password	Employee Password (see page 23)
Confirm Password	Re-enter the Password

- Click **[OK]**
- In the **User Details** Section, verify or enter information for each field value as follows:

Field Name	Value
<b>Personal Profile Section - General</b>	
Middle Initial	Employee's middle initial
Guideline Level	"General"

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Field Name	Value
Threshold	No (unchecked)
Threshold Amount	0
Position	Department of Personnel–assigned number
Email Address	Employee's e-mail address
Email ID	<i>Leave blank</i>
Company	'State of Tennessee'
Administering Agency	Select the STARS Administering Agency code associated with the employee's assigned Allotment Code
Division	The employee's assigned Division number (4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> characters of his/her Position number)
Department	Select the employee's assigned Department number (1 <sup>st</sup> three characters of his/her Position number)
SSN/SIN	Employee's Social Security Number
Service Access By	Leave blank or enter the Login ID of another user who will create and modify Expense Reports for this employee
<b>Personal Profile Section – Defaults</b>	
Stale Route to	'Application Administrator'
Language	'English'
Financial Code	<i>Blank (employee must enter)</i>
Approval Chain	Select the appropriate Chain for this employee
User Class	'Non-Offline'
Auto Save Information Every	2
Date Range Activity Summary	90
Date Range Approver Summary	90
Currency	'USD'
<b>Personal Profile Section – Display Fields</b>	
Mileage	0
O/S Cash Advances	<i>Cannot change</i>
<b>Privileges Section – Submit Privileges</b>	
Cash Advance Submission	Yes (checked) if there is a possibility that this employee might receive a Temporary Travel Advance
Alter Personal Profile	Yes (checked)
Alter Charge Card Info	No (unchecked)
Alter Bank Info	No (unchecked)
Alter Password	Yes (checked)
Charge Card	No (unchecked)
User Defined Chains	No (unchecked)
Folio Wizard	Yes (checked)
<b>Privileges Section – Approval Privileges</b>	
Expense Report Approval	No (unchecked) unless the employee will be a TRIPS Approver
Cash Advance Approval	No (unchecked)



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Field Name	Value
Proxy Approver	<i>Leave blank at this time</i>
Approver Type	"N" if approval privileges have been granted
<b>Privileges Section – Admin Privileges</b>	
Receipt Admin	No (unchecked)
Audit	No (unchecked)
AdministratER	No (unchecked)
Administrator Group	<i>Blank</i>
<b>Privileges Section – Proxy Privileges</b>	
Shared Service	No (unchecked), unless this employee will be submitting Expense Reports on behalf of other employees (Proxy Submitter)
Shared Service Group	If <b>Shared Service</b> is "yes", select the Group for which this employee will submit Expense Reports.
SS Normal Approval	Yes (checked)
<b>Banking Info Section</b>	<i>Not Used</i>
<b>Charge Card Info Section</b>	<i>Not Used</i>
<b>Addresses Section – Home Address</b>	The system does not use the information in this section so any entries are at the option of each Agency
<b>Addresses Section - Office Address</b>	The system does not use the information in this section so any entries are at the option of each Agency
<b>Per Diem Section</b>	
Expense Report Type	'Per Diem'
<b>PTP Section</b>	
Org Vehicle	No (unchecked), unless this employee is assigned a State vehicle for travel purposes.
Default Origin	Select the employee's Official Station from the table
Allotment Section	Select the employee's Department/Division from the table

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2. For an employee with a TRIPS status of “Inactive”, open the User Profile and locate the employee’s record using the **[Search]** feature.

Change the employee’s **Status** from ‘Inactive’ to ‘Active’.

The screenshot shows the 'User Profile' window with the 'User List' section. A table lists user information. The first row is highlighted, showing Employee ID 555121212, Login ID E555121212, Last Name TESTMAN, First Name THEODORE, and Status Inactive. A red arrow points from the text 'Change the employee's Status from 'Inactive' to 'Active'' to the Status dropdown menu, which is currently set to 'Inactive'.

Employee ID*	Login ID*	Last Name*	First Name*	Status*
555121212	E555121212	TESTMAN	THEODORE	Inactive

- o Validate the information in the **User List** Section:

Field Name	Value
Employee ID	Employee Social Security Number
Login ID	STARS Vendor Number ('E' + Employee Social Security Number)
Last Name	Employee Last Name
First Name	Employee First Name
Status	'Active'

- o In the **User Details** Section, verify or enter information for each field value as in Step 1, above.
- o Click on **[Change Password]** and assign a password (see page 23)

The screenshot shows the 'User Profile' window with the 'User List' section. A table lists user information. The first row is highlighted, showing Employee ID 555121212, Login ID E555121212, Last Name TESTMAN, First Name THEODORE, and Status Active. A red circle highlights the 'Change Password...' button in the right-hand panel. A red arrow points from the text 'Click on [Change Password] and assign a password (see page 23)' to the 'Change Password...' button.

Employee ID*	Login ID*	Last Name*	First Name*	Status*
555121212	E555121212	TESTMAN	THEODORE	Active

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## TRIPS Roles

The following roles/positions are defined for TRIPS

Role	Function Summary	Location	Created By	Authorization
Submitter	Enter and submit Expense Reports	Any Agency	SEIS database and Administrator	Department of Personnel
Proxy Submitter	Enter and submit Expense Reports on behalf of another employee	Any Agency	Agency Administrator	Each Agency
Approver	Approve Expense Reports (possibly altering certain fields)	Any Agency	Agency Administrator	Each Agency
Proxy Approver	Same as Approver, temporarily substituting for Approver	Any Agency	Approver or Agency Administrator	Each Agency
Auditor	Pre-Audit and Post-Audit Expense Reports	Comptroller's Office; F&A Division of Accounts	Security Administrator	Comptroller's Office and F&A Division of Accounts
Agency Administrator	Maintain User Profiles, build and maintain Approval Chains	Any Agency	Security Administrator	Each Agency and Division of Accounts
Statewide Administrator	Maintain most tables, monitor interface with STARS	F&A Division of Accounts	Security Administrator	Division of Accounts
Security Administrator	Grant Administrator and Auditor privileges; Monitor Agency Administrators and Auditors by daily review of report.	F&A OSTS	Security Administrator	F&A OSTS
Database Administrator	Assist in solving database problems; Perform any required table modifications not possible through AdministratER or NavMail	F&A OIR	F&A OIR	F&A OIR
Systems Administrator	Maintain system operation tables; Maintain NavMail	F&A OSTS Business Systems Support	Security Administrator	F&A OSTS
Technical Systems Support	Backup and restore the application and databases	F&A OIR	F&A OIR	F&A OIR
Production Services	Manage interfaces; upload Per Diem and Point-to-Point tables	F&A OSTS	F&A OSTS	F&A OSTS
Customer Support	Install software	F&A OSTS	F&A OSTS	F&A OSTS
Agency Technical Support	Install necessary software at agency	Any Agency	Any Agency	Any Agency

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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **General Procedures**

- Direct-billed expenses – *Does TRIPS track expenses paid directly by the State?*  
No and Yes – TRIPS is a system for reimbursement of expenses paid by employees. TRIPS does not automatically record State-paid expenses. If an Agency desires to capture these expenses for reporting purposes, users must document them on Expense Reports using the “State Paid” *Method of Payment*.
- Estimated Costs – *Does TRIPS track estimated travel costs?*  
No – TRIPS is used to report actual expenses only.
- Lodging Providers – *Does TRIPS list hotels and motels that have agreed to accept the State of Tennessee or GSA CONUS rates?*  
No – The F&A Intranet site <http://www.intranet.state.tn.us/finance/travel/hotel.html> has a listing of providers that have agreed to accept the State rate when space is available. The Internet website <http://hotelsatperdiem.com/> likewise has a listing of providers accepting the GSA CONUS rate at non-Tennessee locations. This status changes regularly so travelers should always inquire directly when making arrangements.
- Paperwork – *What paperwork is eliminated by TRIPS?*  
A signed Travel Claim Form FA-0080 is not required if you enter your own claim in TRIPS. There are no other changes in paperwork requirements.
- Receipts – *Must original receipts be submitted with a claim?*  
Yes –Original receipts must be sent to the Agency Fiscal Office, who will forward them to the Division of Accounts.
- Travel Advances – *Is TRIPS used to request and approve Temporary Travel Advances?*  
No – Temporary Travel Advances must be issued via normal STARS disbursement transactions. Once issued, they will be recorded as Cash Advances in TRIPS to permit automatic deduction from the next submitted Expense Report.
- Travel Authorization - *Can TRIPS be used to authorize travel?*  
No – Travel continues to be authorized using procedures established by the Department of Finance & Administration, the Department of Personnel, and each Agency. Travel authorization numbers are manually recorded on the TRIPS ER Summary window when the Expense Report is prepared.

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**Troubleshooting**

- Login - *What if I forget my Login ID and/or Password?*
  - \* Your Login ID is your Social Security number preceded by the letter “E” (e.g., ‘E419999999’).
  - \* Contact your Agency Administrator to request a new password (the Administrator cannot see your old password). Once you have successfully logged in, change the password to one of your own choosing.
- Login - *When I log in to the TRIPS application for the first time, I do not receive a screen that asks me to download the Java Runtime Environment version 1.3.1\_09*

If you are not asked to download the Java Runtime Environment version 1.3.1\_09, then you can download it by following the link: [Java Runtime Environment version 1.3.1\\_09](#). Make sure you click the hyperlink next to 1.3.1\_09 on the page that is displayed.


You must have administrator privileges for your PC to install these files. If you do not have administrator privileges, contact your agency information systems support group for assistance.
- Screen Locks Up - *What can I do if TRIPS “freezes” and I cannot enter information?*

Make sure you are using the “active window”. TRIPS opens various “pop-up windows” when entering an Expense Report (e.g., Location entry form, Financial Code builder, date entry calendar, etc.). In any Microsoft Windows application such as TRIPS, there can be only one “active” window. Under some circumstances, the active window may become hidden. To locate the active window, hold down the <ALT> key and press the <TAB> key. Icons representing open applications will



display on your screen:

While continuing to depress the <ALT> key, repeatedly press and release the



<TAB> key until a Java coffee cup icon is outlined. Release the <ALT> key. If the active TRIPS window is not displayed, repeat the <ALT><TAB> process until you locate it.

If this procedure is unsuccessful, it will probably be necessary to close TRIPS (as you would any other Windows application) and Login again.
- List boxes – *What if the item needed is not available in a (drop-down) list box?*

Contact your Agency Administrator for guidance on using an alternative. If the Agency Administrator determines that a new choice should be added to the list, s/he will make a request to a Statewide Administrator.

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- General Help – *How do I resolve problems that are not covered by these FAQ?*

The following resources are available to assist you:

- \* Within the TRIPS application, on-line help is available by clicking a button on the main NavigatER window and on most windows within the application.
- \* The TRIP customer website, found on the Internet and State Intranet under the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Accounts topic “Travel Reimbursements” includes links to manuals and the computer based training application (CBT).
  - The CBT provides an excellent overview of TRIPS functionality
  - The *Submitter/Approver Quick Reference Guide* is a good resource for procedural issues
  - The *Submitter User Guide* and *The Approver User Guide* are detailed technical manuals
  - *Agency Setup & Maintenance Procedures Guide* is a reference for Agency Administrators
- \* Each agency should have at least one TRIPS Administrator and other experts on the application. These experts are your first points of contact for unresolved problems. If they are unable to resolve the problem, they will seek assistance from a TRIPS Statewide Administrator or technical systems support personnel, as appropriate.

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- Date Entry - *What is the proper format to enter dates?*

The preferred method for entering dates is to use the calendar feature (double-click on the date field or, in some windows, click on the date button to call the calendar). Dates may also be entered manually using the format “MM/DD/YYYY” (e.g., 01/05/2004 for January 5, 2004).

- Locations – *What if the location/city I need is not in TRIPS?*

- \* First, try different variations on spelling (e.g., La Vergne, Tennessee is spelled with a space between “La” and “Vergne”). In addition, certain words are abbreviated as follows:

Word	TRIPS Abbreviation
East	E
Fort	Ft
Mount or Mt.	Mt
North	N
Saint or St.	St
South	S
West	W

- \* If you still cannot find your desired location, contact your Agency Administrator for assistance. If the Agency Administrator determines that the Location is not in the TRIPS tables, s/he will request that a Statewide Administrator add the Location, along with any applicable point-to-point mileages.

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**ER Summary Window**

- Dates on the ER Summary Window – *Why do the “From” and “To” dates change on the ER Summary Window?*

TRIPS NavigatER will default a “From” date equal to the earliest date on the ER Details Window, and a “To” date equal to the latest date on the ER Details Window. When you are ready to submit the Expense Report, go to the ER Summary Window and enter the correct dates and click on **[Submit]**.

**Note:** If you return to the ER Details Window, the ER Summary Dates may change.

**ER Details Window**

- Per Diem Rates – *What if Per Diem Rates are incorrect?*

Notify your Agency Fiscal Office, who will research the rate against GSA and State publications. If the Fiscal Office agrees that there is an error, they will contact a Statewide Administrator to request a rate change. In the interim, your Fiscal Office may instruct you to submit your Expense Report as follows:

- \* If the rate is for Lodging,
  - Record the actual cost
  - Click on the **PD Guideline Summary** tab on the ER Summary window
  - Highlight the Lodging expense and click on **[Reason]**
  - Select the reason “Other” and enter an explanation in the field provided.
- \* If the rate is for Meals & Incidentals and is too high, submit the Expense Report using the Category “Meals – Actuals (Daily)” and the correct amount. Explain the problem in the ‘Description’ field.
- \* If the rate is for Meals & Incidentals and is too low, submit the Expense Report using the Category “Meals & Incidentals (Per Diem)”, plus add a line using the Category “Meals – Actuals (Daily)” and the amount of the difference between computed and correct rates. Explain the problem in the ‘Description’ field.

- Rate Changes – *What do I do when rates change during a trip?*

- \* If you are claiming Per Diem Meals and Incidentals, TRIPS will automatically pay the correct rate for each day of a trip, based on your stated location for that day
- \* If you are claiming reimbursement for **Lodging** expense, enter distinct ER Details lines for nights on which locations and rates are the same:
  - If a hotel charges you different rates for different days, enter separate ER Details lines for each rate charged
  - If the allowed rate changes during a trip, enter separate ER Details lines for the days on which the allowed rate is the same (e.g., you spend four nights in Destin, Florida between April 29 and May 2. The allowed rate changes on May 1. Enter two nights Lodging expense dated April 30 and two nights dated May 2).
- \* If you are claiming **Mileage Reimbursement** and drive past midnight on the day that the reimbursement rate changes, enter one PTP mileage segment for your travel prior to midnight, ending the segment at 23:59 at the Location (city) closest to you at that time. Enter a second segment beginning at 00:01 at the same Location and ending at your actual destination.



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**Point to Point (PTP) Window**

- Point to Point Mileage – *What if TRIPS does not compute the mileage between two locations?*

Notify your Agency Administrator, who will contact a Statewide Administrator to request that the mileage be added to TRIPS. In the meantime:

- Use Location(s) that are geographically close to the actual Location(s)
- Adjust the resultant point-to-point mileage by using Vicinity miles (plus or minus)
- Explain the reason for your actions in the Description field

- Point to Point Mileage – *What if the mileage between two cities is incorrect?*

Maps and mileage databases use varying locations within a city or town as the points to and from which mileage is computed. Normally, mileage variations between computation methods are attributable to this fact. If your actual mileage differs from the computed miles, your Agency may permit the use of Vicinity miles to add (or subtract) miles to the number computed. If you feel there is a serious mileage error, ask your Agency Administrator to forward your complaint to a Statewide Administrator for investigation.

- Rate Changes – *What do I do when rates change during a trip?*

If you are claiming **Mileage Reimbursement** and drive past midnight on the day that the reimbursement rate changes, enter one PTP mileage segment for your travel prior to midnight, ending the segment at 23:59 at the Location (city) closest to you at that time. Enter a second segment beginning at 00:01 at the same Location and ending at your actual destination.

- Time Entry - *What is the proper format to enter times in the Point-to-Point window?*

TRIPS requires that you use 24-hour (military) time. For hours after noon, add 12 to the time (e.g., 4:15 pm is entered as "1615").

- Time Zones – *How should I enter Point-to-Point times when crossing time zones?*

Each Agency should establish policy in this area. TRIPS will function properly if all times are entered based on the same time zone (e.g., entering all times based on the time at your Official Station). If actual local times are used and you are traveling from East to West, you may experience one of two problems:

- (1) If your travel time was less than an hour, TRIPS will reject the entry because your arrival time will precede your departure time;
- (2) If travel time exceeds an hour, TRIPS may flag the mileage segment for excessive speed. If this happens, explain the circumstances in the Description field.

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- Saving Point-to-Point Mileage Reimbursement Expense Reports – *How do I save my work when in the Point-To-Point mileage window?*

It is recommended that you save your work frequently, as communication outages may result in the loss of your data. When in the Point-to-Point Window, [Update] the last mileage segment and click [OK]. You will return to the ER Details Window where you can then click [Save]. Click on the [PTP] button to return to the Point-To-Point window.


**Trip Info Window**

- Trip Info Window – *When do I use the TRIP Info window?*

Create a “trip” in the Trip Info Window only when you are claiming Per Diem (Lodging or Meals & Incidentals) expenses for overnight travel. After creating the trip, enter your expenses in the ER Details window. With a Per Diem (M&I or Lodging) expense row highlighted, switch to the Trip Info window and ‘click’ on the related trip (it’s *Status* will then show “Working”). Return to the ER Details window where the trip will now be “associated” with the expense. TRIPS NavigatER requires the trip information to compute Meals & Incidentals reimbursement and to edit a Lodging Room Rate.

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AdministratER	An Internet-based software application used to configure and maintain various TRIPS database tables.
Agency Administrator	A User that has been granted access to TRIPS AdministratER for purposes of configuring certain system tables. By internal control policy, an Administrator may not also be an Approver.
Approval Chain	1-5 Approvers whose action is required for final approval of an Expense Report. Expense Reports pass electronically in a designated sequence from the first member of the chain to the last.
Approval Hierarchy	The Approval Hierarchy represents the electronic path of an Expense Report through one or more Approval Chain(s). The default hierarchy is the hierarchy that was last used when the User submitted an Expense Report.
Approver	A TRIPS User with authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reject or approve Expense Reports for payment and/or</li> <li>• “Approve” the recording of Temporary Travel Advance amounts</li> </ul>
Approver Expense Recovery	A function that allows an Approver to reduce a portion of an Expense Report’s reimbursement amount. When an expense item is reduced, a recovery icon  will appear beside the designated expense item. The expense item will not reflect the reduction amount; only the reimbursement amount will be affected.
Approver Threshold	When an Approver is assigned to an Approval Chain, the Approver is allocated a threshold amount of \$0.00 or greater. This value represents the minimum reimbursement amount necessary for an Expense Report to be sent to that Approver for action. If the reimbursement amount is less than the Approver’s threshold amount, the file will skip the Approver and continue on the next Approver in the Approval Chain (or will be batched to STARS if the skipped Approver is the last in the Chain).
AuditER	An Internet-based software application used to audit any approved TRIPS Expense Report. Access to AuditER is restricted to the F&A Division of Accounts and the Comptroller’s Division of State Audit.
Cash Advance	The amount of a Temporary Travel Advance issued through STARS. The Cash Advance is recorded in TRIPS to permit the reduction of the amount of the employee’s subsequent Expense Report.
Category	A pre-defined description of an expense that is directly related to a STARS Object code. When the User records an expense on an Expense Report, s/he must select, from the Category drop-down list, the Category that best describes that expense.

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CONUS	Continental United States. In TRIPS, a Per Diem rate schedule maintained by GSA for the 48 contiguous United States (excluding Alaska & Hawaii).
Default Approval Chain	A mandatory Approval Chain added to the top of a User's Approval Hierarchy. The User cannot modify or remove the Default Approval Chain.
Default Financial Code	A User's Default Financial Code represents the STARS accounting code s/he will use most often. It will automatically appear in the FC field of each new expense line added to the User's Expense Report but may be changed. The User enters her/his default Financial Code within the Personal Profile window.
Event Log	A chronological list of events that have taken place during the life cycle of an Expense Report including date, time, and the name of any person taking action.
Expense Category	See 'Category'
Expense Report	An electronic file used to record and request reimbursement for expenses incurred by an employee on behalf of the State that include, but are not limited to, travel expenses.
File Number	An Expense Report or Cash Advance request is assigned a file number by the TRIPS when the file is first created. The file number is a unique combination of: the employee ID, a two-letter code indicating whether the file is an Expense Report or Cash Advance request, and a system-generated sequential number.
Financial Code	Information designating how an expense should post in STARS (i.e., to what Department, Division, Fund, Cost Center, Grant/Sub Grant, Agency Object, and Location codes).
Guideline	A spending limit that, if exceeded, will result in the expense line being flagged. The guideline amount can be seen in the Guideline field located in the bottom right corner of the ER Details tab.
Guideline Level	A categorization of Users that is used to define: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which Expense Categories the User may choose</li> <li>• The User's spending limits (Guidelines) for each Category</li> </ul>
GSA	General Services Administration. The Federal agency that is responsible for establishing per diem rates for domestic government travel (applicable outside the State of Tennessee).
Login ID	A unique identifying code that permits each User to access TRIPS application software. The Login ID is generally the User's STARS Vendor number (Social Security number preceded by the letter 'E').

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Method of Payment	A field on the ER Details Tab, that allows selection of how an expense was paid, either by "Out of Pocket" (by the employee) or "State Paid".
NavigatER	An Internet-based software application using a "web browser" to create, submit, approve, and track employee expense reimbursement Expense Reports.
Period of Performance	A feature that allows the Application Administrator to place time restrictions for when a financial code may be accessible or when a reimbursement rate is in effect.
Personal Pick List	Each User has personal pick lists that can be used to store frequently used financial codes, expense providers, and line purposes.
Personal Split Formula	A Personal Split Formula stores the financial codes and split percentages used most often when splitting the cost of an expense item between two or more financial codes. Using a Split Formula saves time versus entering the split information manually.
Personal Profile	Information required for each User that defines the User's access privileges within NavigatER along with personal information such as address, phone number and other pertinent information.
Proxy Approver	A TRIPS User with approval authority who has been granted temporary rights to approve/reject Expense Reports on behalf of another Approver. The Proxy Approver will also receive system-generated e-mail notifications in place of the primary Approver.
Proxy Submitter	An Agency employee that has been granted rights to submit Expense Reports on behalf of other employees (see Shared Service).
Reimbursement Amount	The total amount being claimed as a reimbursable business expense by a Submitter on an Expense Report. Once the Expense Report has been approved, the reimbursement amount represents the amount owed to the Submitter.
Rejected	A file status indicating that an Expense Report or Cash Advance request was rejected by an Approver.
Report Number	A sequential number automatically generated by TRIPS to uniquely identify a User's Expense Reports.
Reroute	If a file becomes stale during the approval process, a Statewide Administrator may reroute the file to another Approver.
STARS	State of Tennessee Accounting and Reporting System

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Service Access	A feature that allows a User to give another User access to his/her login account to create and modify (but not submit) an Expense Report on his/her behalf.
Shared Service	A feature that allows a Proxy Submitter to submit Expense Reports and view history for other employees. Proxy Submitters are granted Shared Service privileges for a defined Shared Service Group.
Shared Service Group	A group of one or more employees on behalf of whom TRIPS access is granted to one or more Proxy Submitters.
Stale	If an Approver fails to approve or reject an assigned file within the stale date interval, that file will become "stale". A Statewide Administrator may either reroute the stale file to another Approver or skip the Approver who allowed the file to become stale (the final Approver cannot be skipped).
Stale Date Interval	The designated time period in which an Approver must either approve or reject an assigned Expense Report or cash advance request. If an Approver does not approve or reject a file within the stale date interval the file will become stale.
Statewide Administrator	A Department of Finance & Administration, Division of Accounts employee that has been granted access to the TRIPS AdministratER module for purposes of configuring system tables. Statewide Administrators are responsible for overall system management.
Submitter	A User who submits an Expense Report or Cash Advance request
Systems Administrator	A Department of Finance & Administration Information Systems Management staff person who is responsible for computer hardware and software installation, configuration, and troubleshooting, as well as the operation of interfaces between TRIPS and other systems.
TRIPS	Travel and expense Reimbursement and Information Processing System
Unsubmitted	A file status indicating that the Expense Report or Cash Advance request has been saved but has not yet been submitted for approval.
User	A State employee with access to the TRIPS NavigatER module.

**Forms**

The forms on the following pages are available in Microsoft Excel format from a Statewide Administrator



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**Travel Reimbursement Information Processing System (TRIPS)**  
**Approval Chain Structure**

Department Name:   
Division Name:   
Approval Chain Name:  .  
Dept. Div. Name (23 characters maximum)

**Approver Information**

Approval Chain Level	First Name	Last Name	SSN	Approver Type	Threshold Amount
1st	Primary				\$ -
	Alternate				
2nd	Primary				\$ -
	Alternate				
3rd	Primary				\$ -
	Alternate				
4th	Primary				\$ -
	Alternate				
5th	Primary				\$ -
	Alternate				

**Prepared By:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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Approval Chain Structure with Assigned Employee Information

Department Name:

Division Name:

Approval Chain Name:

Dept. Div. Name (23 characters maximum)

Approver Information					
Approval Chain Level	First Name	Last Name	SSN	Approver Type	Threshold Amount
1st Primary					\$ -
1st Alternate					
2nd Primary					\$ -
2nd Alternate					
3rd Primary					\$ -
3rd Alternate					
4th Primary					\$ -
4th Alternate					
5th Primary					\$ -
5th Alternate					

Employees Assigned to Approval Chain .										Default STARS Codes for Expenses						Proxy Submitter	
Default Chain?	First Name	Last Name	SSN	E-mail Address	Official Station	State Car?	Traveler Class.	Point-to-Point Allotment Code		Cost Center	Fund	Grant	Sub Grant	Agency Object	Location	Group Name or Individual Name	SSN if Individual
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**Shared Service Group with Assigned Proxy Submitter**

Department Name:		
Division Name:		
Shared Service Group Name:	Dept. Div.	Name (23 characters maximum)

**Proxy Submitter Information**

	First Name	Last Name	SSN	E-mail Address
Primary				
Alternate				
Alternate				
Alternate				

**Employees Assigned to Shared Service Group**

	First Name	Last Name	SSN	E-mail Address
1				
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**User Profile Data Collection**

*Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are optional, as appropriate*

**Employee Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

**Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guideline Level** ☐ General  
*Employee classification per Travel Regulations*  
☐ Department Head  
☐ Board Member  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_ e.g., Edward.Employee@state.tn.us  
*The address where the employee wishes to receive automated notifications from TRIPS. A home address is acceptable.  
If a Proxy will submit Expense Reports on behalf of the employee, this would normally be the Proxy's E-mail address*

**Proxy Submitter\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Proxy Group Name or Individual's Name SSN if Individual  
*Another employee with permission to submit Expense Reports for this employee*

**Default Financial Code\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Default STARS Code for employee expenses*  
Department Division Cost Center Fund Grant\* & SubGrant\* Agency Object\* Location\*

**Primary Approval** \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
Approval Chain Name First Approver Name & SSN  
*Who will normally approve this employee's claims*

☐ Approval Chain should be set as Default (employee must use this Chain)

**Approval Privileges:** ☐ Employee is authorized to approve Expense Reports

Approver Type: \_\_\_\_\_

**State Vehicle** ☐ Employee is assigned a State vehicle for travel use

**Default Origin** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Employee's Official Station*  
City State

**Point-to-Point Allotment Code** \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Division  
*The Agency (Division) that determines the mileage reimbursement policy (e.g., Vicinity miles) for the employee*

**Prepared By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature Date



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**Point to Point Allotment Maintenance Table Configuration**

STARS Allotment Code \_\_\_\_\_  
*Department . Division Number*

Travel Time Required? ☐ **Yes:** *User must enter start and stop times when entering mileage.  
The system will compute the average speed of the segment (MPH).*

**Miles Per Hour:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Maximum speed for a trip segment, above which a flag will result.  
MPH is computed only when "Travel Time Required?" is "Yes"  
Note: The maximum permissible value for this field is 70 mph*

☐ **No:** *User may not enter times when entering mileage (No speed computed)*

Vicinity Miles Allowed? ☒ **Yes:** *User may enter Vicinity mileage (required to adjust for deviations from  
computed point-to-point mileage)*

**Vicinity Mileage Per Segment Allowance:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Maximum number of Vicinity miles a User may enter per segment.  
Mileage in excess of this amount will cause the line to be flagged.*

Mileage Rate **\$0.38** *The rate (in dollars) for mileage reimbursement*

Effective Start Date for Rate: **01-Jan-2005**

Effective End Date for Rate: **30-June-2050**

STARS Batch Code \_\_\_\_\_ *The code used to group and batch STARS transactions*  
*Batch Department.Division*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Agency Fiscal Officer  
or Agency Head

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*This form must be submitted to the Division of Accounts, Department of Finance & Administration, for  
each Allotment Code subject to STARS Objects 01 and 03 expenditures*



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**Security Maintenance**

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Privilege Requested

- ☐ Agency Administrator for any and all Allotment Codes within the following STARS Administering Agency Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Agency Administrator for the following Allotment Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Administrator must be assigned to this Allotment Code in SEIS)
- ☐ Reporting Access for Administering Agency Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Auditor (Comptroller Division of State Audit or F&A Accounts *only*)
- ☐ NavMail Administrator (F&A OSTS *only*)
- ☐ Security Administrator (F&A OSTS *only*)
- ☐ Statewide Administrator (F&A Accounts *only*)
- ☐ Systems Administrator (F&A OSTS *only*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ RACF ID # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ State Employee ? \_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

Does this person currently have access to TRIPS AdministratER? \_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

For Administrators:

I agree to limit my access to TRIPS tables to the minimum extent necessary to carry out the functions assigned to the specific Administrator role in the TRIPS Procedure Manual and AdministratER Configuration Manual. I will not simultaneously serve as a TRIPS Approver.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Authorized By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Agency Fiscal Officer  
or Agency Head

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For Division of Accounts Use:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Administrator Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Filter By: ☐ Admin. Agency

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Dept. and Div.

*Requested privileges may be granted only by the TRIPS Security Administrator, following approval by the Division of Accounts, Department of Finance and Administration*

## F&A Computer System Action Sheet

### REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO STARS REPORTS ON INFOPAC

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Allotment Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Division/Section: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTING ACCESS TO DEPT/DIV: \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT CAPABILITY ☐ YES ☐ NO  
EMPLOYEE RACF ID: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INDICATE REPORTS TO BE ACCESSED:

##### MONTHLY REPORTS

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B801    | MONTHLY ACCOUNTING REPORT                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B802    | MONTHLY ACCRUED LIABILITY TRANSACTIONS                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B803    | MONTHLY ALLOTMENT STATUS REPORT                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B804    | MONTHLY EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B807    | REPORT OF OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCES AND REQUISITIONS      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B808    | ESTIMATED VERSUS ACTUAL REVENUE BY DEPARTMENT            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B820    | SPENDING/RECEIPT PLAN YTD STATUS REPORT                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B821    | SPENDING/RECEIPT PLAN QTD STATUS REPORT                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B822    | SPENDING/RECEIPT PLAN YTD STATUS REPORT BY PROGRAM LEVEL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B823    | SPENDING/RECEIPT PLAN YTD STATUS REPORT BY ORG LEVEL     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B829    | GRANT STATUS REPORT                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B830    | SCHEDULE OF GRANT ACTIVITY                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B831    | STATUS OF GRANT REVENUES                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B832    | MONTHLY - GRANT DRAWDOWN REPORT                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B834    | GRANT EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B835    | GRANT EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B836    | MONTHLY GRANT EXPENDITURES BY GRANT FIELD                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B837    | PROJECT STATUS REPORT BY OBJECT CODE                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B838    | PROJECT STATUS REPORT BY RESONSIBILITY LEVEL             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B839    | ESTIMATED VERSUS ACTUAL DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE BY PROJECT  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B840    | REPORT OF MONTHLY REVENUE TRANSACTIONS                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B841    | REPORT OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B842    | REPORT OF TRAVEL ADVANCES                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ | _____  |

##### DAILY REPORTS

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B361            | EDIT ACTIVITY ERROR REPORT                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AG05B425 | TRIPS DAILY PROFILE MAINTENANCE BY AGENCY                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B825            | DAILY SUMMARY OF WRITTEN WARRANTS                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B827            | DAILY SUMMARY OF WARRANTS TO BE WRITTEN                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B828            | BATCH SUMMARY OF ERRORS AND COMPLETED BATCHES            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B833            | DAILY GRANT DRAWDOWN REPORT                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B851            | DISBURSEMENT VOUCHER PAYABLE REGISTER-DAILY TRANS POSTED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B858            | DAILY TRANSACTONS POSTED                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B511            | GENERAL LEDGER/TRANSACTION CODE CROSS REFERENCE          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG05B528            | TRANSACTION CODE DECISION TABLE                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____         | _____  |

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPARTMENT BUDGET/FISCAL OFFICER TELEPHONE #

RETURN TO: ATTN: CORA LEE DAUGHERTY (615) 741-0520  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS  
14<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, WILLIAM R. SNODGRASS TENNESSEE TOWER  
NASHVILLE, TN 37243